

## **Weekly Status & Information Report: Week of March 21, 2005**

**New Pump Installed:** Under the direction of the City's Building Maintenance Division, Peterson Plumbing installed a new sewage pumping system in the basement of the Municipal Center, near the Police locker room. This pumping system replaces the pumping system that failed in December of 2004 and flooded the basement. (Public Works)

**In-Service Training:** Four officers attended the annual required in-service training for the D.A.R.E. program in Ocean City, March 22-24: Sgt. Hammond, Cpl. Rodriguez, and Ofc. Mitchell and Smith. (Police Department)

**CID Candidate Interviews:** Interviews were held this week to identify one candidate to fill an opening in Criminal Investigations as a detective and two candidates to be assigned to area task forces on special investigations. With the identification of candidates, these officers will begin to attend specialized training as it becomes available. The candidates will then be transferred when the Department reaches full staffing of sworn officers. (Police Department)

**Patrol Squads:** Changeover for patrol squads took place this weekend. Squads 1 (Sgt. Bowers) and 3 (Sgt. Frishkorn) moved to the night shift. Squads 2 and 4, (Sgts. Hammond and Skibicki) moved to the day shift, which should be considered when trying to reach these officers. This schedule will last through May 1. (Police Department)

**Kids and Kops Program:** Sgt. Gilbert and Ofc. Conrad took six students to a Washington Wizards game this week as part of the Kids and Kops program. (Police Department)

**Postponement of Park Dedication:** Please note that dedication of the Toatley-Fraser Park has been postponed to accommodate attendance by the families of the park's namesakes. The dedication is planned for Friday, May 13 at 3:30 p.m. (Police Department)

**Speed Enforcement:** Among the locations for speed enforcement and observation details this week were Piney Branch Road, Carroll Ave., University Blvd., and Elm Ave. In regular traffic stops, at least 90 citations were issued. Among arrests this week, were the previously reported arrest of a man for an assault at Carroll and Laurel on Monday evening and an arrest Thursday for drug possession. (Police Department)

**Spring Break Camp:** The Recreation Department is putting a twist on the traditional Spring Break Camp which will be held March 28-April 1, 2005. This year's camp is titled, Passport to Timbuktu. Elizabeth Wallace will guide the campers on a journey from Takoma Park to Mali and Timbuktu, in Africa. Along with learning about the culture, landmarks, and food of the Mali, Dogon and Turag tribes, the children will also get to

participate in regular camp activities (ie. swimming, arts and crafts, games, sports, etc.) The camp will be held Monday through Friday from 9-4, at the Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Ave. (Recreation Department)

**Annual Egg Hunt:** The annual Egg Hunt boasted a large crowd last weekend, attracting 175 kids and adults. The weather was great and all of the eggs were found at Ed Wilhelm Field. This event was geared for ages toddler to 8 years. (Recreation Department)

**Recreation Program Guide:** The Recreation Spring-Summer Program Guide is inserted in the new city newsletter coming out this weekend. Registration will begin immediately on Monday for all spring classes and summer camps. (Recreation Department)